Whereas graduate assistantships “provide graduate students academic employment in teaching, research, and administrative appointments,” and,

Whereas the University of Minnesota Administrative Policy on Graduate Assistant Employment outlines the eligibility for, and requirements of, graduate assistant appointments, including (but not limited to) classification, wage and compensation, stipends and tuition benefits, and,

Whereas it is currently University practice to include enrollment in, and subsidize premium payments to, the Graduate Assistant Health Plan as a benefit of graduate assistant employment, and,

Whereas the extension of such health insurance benefits is not currently included in the Administrative Policy on Graduate Assistant Employment,

Be it therefore resolved, the Council of Graduate Students respectfully requests the University Senate Committee on Education Policy and/or the University Human Resources Department offer amendment to the Administrative Policy on Graduate Assistant Employment to include health insurance benefits as a benefit that must be offered to graduate assistant employees, as is current practice.